

Heavenly Father. Thank you for the desire in those members of Trinity Lutheran Church and Killarney Community Lutheran Church to provide a youth director to work in their congregations to serve. Bless the work that the youth director does with all ages, from daycare to young adults. Bless all the participants with a growing faith and knowledge of you, their heavenly Father and Son, Jesus, and Holy Spirit. Bless the members of the congregations as they work to fund this work independently in the future. In your Son's name Jesus, we pray. Amen

# LET US PRAY

#### **Mission Opportunity Fund** ... \$50,200

The Reserved Mission Opportunity Fund helps provide the necessary finances to assist previously unexpected mission needs throughout Canada as they arise during the next three years.

Lord Jesus, Ruler of the Universe, we pray for our Mission Opportunity Fund. As the world changes, mission efforts need to find growing resources to maintain the proclamation of the Gospel. You know the plans You have for Your church and the spreading of the Gospel. Let Your wisdom prevail as these grants are chosen. Let Your Word reign as these funds are used for Your purposes. Open our eyes, Lord, to see pressing needs in our community, province, country and world, so that we may serve You with our time, our talents, and our Mites. We ask this in Jesus' mighty Name. Amen.



**TOTAL MISSION GRANTS 2024-2027 \$251,200** 



# OUR PRAYERS FOR LWMLC, INC MISSION GRANTS 2024-2027



# LET US PRAY

#### Street Reach Ministry, Regina, SK ... \$24,000.00

Working with the police in Regina, Rev. Kim's ministry focuses on reaching out to troubled youth and young adults living on the streets. Many of the young people Rev. Kim ministers to are associated with gangs, have been involved in criminal activities or both. Rev. Kim's unique ministry of sharing the life-giving Gospel to these individuals has touched countless lives and LCC is thankful that the Lord has blessed us with a gifted and devoted pastor to provide this important ministry to those in need in Regina. The funds will be used toward Rev. Kim's salary and continuing education.



Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the wonderful work that Rev. D J Kim has been doing with the outreach ministry with the troubled youth and young adults in Regina. May this mission grant assist with paying Rev. Kim's salary and allow him some continuing education opportunities to be able to continue with the all important work he is doing. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

# LET US PRAY

# Technology Upgrade, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharine's, ON ... $\$7,\!500.00$

The two seminaries of LCC are committed to working together to prepare pastors and deacons for the church's mission. For the past fifteen years this has involved sharing classes through internet video-conferencing. Through this interaction, the students and faculty at both ends of the country get to know each other, increasing the harmony of the church. Each seminary is also able to manage with a slightly smaller faculty by relying on these shared classes. Funds will be used to upgrade video-conferencing equipment in classrooms, meeting spaces, and for recruiting effort in the next triennium.

## LET US PRAY

# For the Bus Ministry, Christ Our King Lutheran Church, Mississauga, Ontario ... 3,880

Christ Our King Lutheran Church in Mississauga, Ontario has recognized the need to reach out with the Gospel to the large multi-cultural population in Mississauga. Christ Our King has already successfully produced a number of signs displayed on city buses. The signs are displayed during specific times of the year, for example, through the Christmas and Easter seasons. Advertisements include a gospel message and a dedicated website. These advertisements could be thought of as a moving church sign. Funds will be used to continue and to grow this outreach ministry.



Heavenly Father, You want Your Word proclaimed to all the nations. Mississauga is the home to peoples from all over the world. Bless this ministry of Christ our King Lutheran Church in Mississauga that hopes to reach those communities that can see the buses and the Gospel message that is proclaimed. Bless this Ministry and help continue and grow this outreach ministry through the posting of the Gospel message on city buses and providing a dedicated website for those wanting to know more. In your Son's name we pray, Amen

# LET US PRAY

# Youth Director, Trinity, Richmond/Killarney Community Lutheran Church, Vancouver, British Columbia ... \$27,910

Over the last three years Trinity Lutheran Church—Richmond and Killarney Community Lutheran Church agreed to equally share the cost of hiring a Youth Director to serve at both congregations. The Youth Director hired in 2020 is now in the Diaconal program at Concordia Lutheran Seminary, full time. An interim director has been hired to continue the work. The youth director is involved with several ministry programs including a daycare, Sunday School, youth and young adult groups, circuit youth retreats, young adult retreats, and a youth choir. Previous funding form LWMLC, Inc equaled support of \$1,575 per month. The request for this triennium is equal to \$1,000 per month. Planning is in place to be able to fund this work independently in the future. Trinity Richmond is located in Richmond's City Centre where new immigrant families present an exciting opportunity for mission outreach.

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Heavenly Father, you said, "Let the little children come unto me." Thank you for bringing students to First Lutheran Academy in Windsor. There is a need for knowledge of technology in the world we live in. Bless the work of the teachers to share the Word of Christ and help each child to grow spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, socially and physically to the best of their God given ability. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

# LET US PRAY

# Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary/Concordia Lutheran Seminary Joint Faculty Retreats ... \$4,000

The two seminaries of LCC work closely together to prepare pastors and deacons for the church's mission. In order for joint teaching to work well, it is important for the faculty to work together on a harmonized curriculum and to develop a unified approach to seminary education. This is achieved through regular joint faculty meetings. However, having an extended period of time together is much more productive. The last joint faculty was held in 2020. Funds requested will assist with the cost of accommodation, meals and travel for a retreat in 2025.



Heavenly Father, the harvest is ready but the workers are few. Bless the united efforts of the seminaries in preparing workers for your Ministry. With two seminaries, it is important to have unity in the curriculum. Bless their time together in retreat that they may build relationships and form harmonized curriculum and a unified approach to seminary education. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen



Heavenly Father, we know "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. (Matthew 9:37 NIV)" So we pray that this mission grant will allow the workers the ability to learn from afar and for the two LCC seminaries to share resources. All this we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen

# LET US PRAY

#### **Lutheran Hospital Ministries Southern Alberta** ... \$10,000.00

Lutheran Hospital Ministries (LHMSAS) provides visits and worship services in care facilities in Calgary, and surrounding communities such as Airdrie, Cochrane, Canmore, and Claresholm. Their initiative is called, "A Wide Door for Effective Work". Rev. Mark Rekken serves as their Director of Pastoral Care. In 2023, 3,314 folks were visited or attended services at care facilities. In 2023, Pastor Rekken trained seven new volunteers. The request for visits and worship services currently outweighs their capacity. The funds requested will assist with the cost of clinical education of pastoral care in an institutional setting, training costs for volunteers, networking with Alberta Health Services and care homes, advertising the charity and the services they provide and providing theologically sound literature to people in need of care.



Heavenly Father, as the population of Calgary and the surrounding communities of Canmore, Airdrie, and Cochrane keeps increasing as well as the number of senior residences and hospitals, we pray that this mission grant will help train Pastors and Lutheran volunteers to bring Jesus' healing and promise of salvation to Lutherans who are in hospital and care facilities as well as their families. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

## LET US PRAY

#### Diaconal Support, Cambodia Lutheran Church ... \$30,000.00

Our deaconesses in Cambodia faithfully serve the Church in a variety of ways: providing Christian education to women and youth, providing spiritual care to members of their Church and community, as well as providing physical care to those in need. In the last few years, the Church in Cambodia has been blessed with several new deaconesses, bring the total number to 22 commissioned deaconesses serving Cambodia Lutheran Church (CLC). This support will provide a small stipend for deaconesses, cover their travel costs to Phnom Penh for continuing education seminars, and provide printed materials for them to share and teach the Gospel.



Heavenly Father we know that Jesus told His disciples "to go and make disciples of all nations" even to Cambodia where deaconesses are working diligently to do this but they continue to need learning opportunities and educational materials. We pray that this mission grant will help cover travel costs, necessary printed material and allow a small stipend. All this we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen

# LET US PRAY

#### for the 2025 National Youth Gathering ... \$7,500.00

Lutheran Church—Canada's National Youth Gathering will take place in Waterloo, Ontario in 2025. The NYG encourages the younger members of our congregations in community and relationships in their spiritual growth and formation. The NYG will provide opportunities for youth, leaders and volunteers to join in worship, the study of God's Word and equip them through small and large group sessions. Funds will be used to help cover the cost of running the National Youth Gathering.

# LET US PRAY

#### Ethiopian Ministry and Outreach ... \$21,000

LCC has been doing outreach among various Ethiopian communities across Canada for several years. This fruitful outreach ministry has become LCC's largest Domestic Mission field. This mission work has established two rostered congregations, five mission stations, three rostered pastors, and two pastors currently in colloquy process. The outreach has also led several individuals into established LCC congregations. This ministry has also opened up international mission opportunities, particularly in Israel where LCC has stared outreach work among the large Ethiopian community, establishing a new mission station in Tel Aviv in 2022. The funds will assist with the travel and ministry expenses, so that LCC will be able to continue to provide this service to the various Ethiopian communities in Canada and Isreal.



Heavenly Father, We praise and thank you for bringing the mission field to Canada and our backyard. For blessing this ministry to two rostered congregations, five mission stations, three rostered pastors and two pastors in colloquy. In Tel Aviv, there is a large Ethiopian community. Continue to bless this ministry. Bless the pastors and workers bringing Christ to those communities. In your Son's precious name we pray, Amen

# LET US PRAY

# First Lutheran Academy, Windsor ... \$9,475

First Lutheran Academy was established in 1995. The academy endeavors to help each child to grow spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, socially and physically to the best of their God given ability. Technological supports are increasingly important in the classroom for the benefit of the students, teachers and children with special needs. Additional technological resources offer new opportunities for our hands-on and audio/visual learners, in all subjects and at all grade levels. Added technology in classrooms also increases our appeal to prospective families so that we may further spread the Word of Christ. Funds will be used to purchase iPads for classrooms.



Heavenly Father your children in Nicaragua need to know you as their Lord and Saviour. Thank you for raising up pastors and deaconesses in our daughter synod. We pray that this monetary support will help alleviate the expenses of travel and ministry as they do the work that you have set out for them. In His name we pray, Amen

# LET US PRAY

#### French Liturgy Foundations ... \$3,735

Liturgy education materials, available through LCMS will be adapted and translated into French. Material will be posted on Lutheran Church—Canada's French website and distributed to francophone Lutherans using the distribution channels developed by Viens et Vois Jesus (Come and See Jesus) Sunday School material project. Materials include Kids in the Divine Service Leaflets; Liturgy Explanations; and Christian Symbols with Explanations. English materials can be seen on the LCMS website. The work is being coordinated by Rev. Dr. David Sommers.



Heavenly Father, We know how important it is to learn about you in the Word and Liturgy in worship. It is so important to learn about it in your heart language. The Francophone population has the need to learn and worship in their first language. Bless the work of getting materials in French for those who need it, here in Canada and abroad. In your Son's precious name we pray, Amen



Heavenly Father, we pray that the grant for this project will provide a sense of unity, faith and encouragement to our youth who are vital members in proclaiming His saving love for all people, even the unchurched. We ask also, that some may be drawn to vocations that share Jesus' love through the gospel message. All this we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen

# LET US PRAY

for Christian material, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Regina, Saskatchewan..\$1,000.00



Each year Mount Olive Lutheran Church hosts a clothing give away with a hotdog lunch. As many as 276 have attended the event. In addition to clothing and linens, a table of free children's books and free Bibles and small catechism booklets is on display. A new resource "A Simple Explanation of Christianity" will be an added resource this year. Volunteers, including the Pastors of the congregation are available to talk and pray with those attending. Mount Olive is located in a mid-to-low socioeconomic area making it a good location for reaching those in need. Funds will be used to replenish the supply of Bibles and purchase the new resource.

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Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the members of Mount Olive Lutheran Church who hold an annual clothing give away for those less fortunate in the area around the church in Regina. This is a great opportunity to spread the gospel by providing Bibles and catechisms to the unchurched and those in need. This mission grant will provide the monies to purchase them. All this we ask in Jesus name. Amen

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#### LAMP 55x55 ANNIVERSARY PROJECT ... \$15,000

Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots has fulfilled the great commission since it was founded in 1970 with a vision to reach the ends of the earth with the Good News of Jesus Christ. For over 50 years LAMP has been invited to provide gospel ministries to the indigenous communities in remote Northern Canada. LAMP has set a mission goal to

reach 55 communities by 2025, building on lasting generational relationships with communities already being served and establishing relationships with new communities. Meeting this goal requires site visits, meeting with leaders, recruiting volunteers to serve. Funds will be used to assist with the cost associated with establishing the new mission locations.



Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots who have been fulfilling the great commission since their founding in 1970. As they approach their 55th Anniversary they have set a mission goal to provide gospel ministries to 55 indigenous communities in remote Northern Canada by 2025. This mission grant will help them to do site visits, sending missionaries and volunteers to new mission locations as well as some already established communities. All this we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen

## LET US PRAY

## Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Central Region ... \$6,000

The congregations of the Central Region of LCC has a number of very devout 20 something young adults. Nothing retains someone in the Lutheran Church and Lutheran tradition more effectively than being well catechized into the faith and building relationships with other people, especially of one's own age group. This project focuses on people, specifically teens and young adults aged 20 to 30. The purpose is to have retreats per year where young adults and teens come together for faithful Christian teaching, worship and fellowship. The funds will be used to offset some of the costs associated with the retreats including facility rentals, speakers or musicians.



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the young people in our church. They are our future. Bless this ministry to young adults from young adults. Grant them growth in faith and spread your love to others. We pray that this mission grant help offset the costs associated with building a ministry by and to young adults in the region. In your precious name, Jesus, Amen

# LET US PRAY

#### Ministry and Outreach, Nicaragua ... \$30,000

LCC has been supporting the ministry and mission work in Nicaragua since 1997. This mission work has led to the establishment of a daughter Synod. The Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua (ISLN), which currently has 31 congregations and mission stations, served by 23 pastors and 28 deaconesses. In order to continue to support the current ministries and expand outreach work in the country, LCC is committed to covering the travel expenses, as well as the resource and ministry materials needed, so that the pastors and deaconesses in the country are able and equipped to carry out their work. Funds will assist with the travel and ministry expenses of our daughter Synod in Nicaragua.